

RENTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 15, 1998 Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; TONI NELSON.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; DAVID DEAN, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; BONNIE RERECICH, Recreation Supervisor; JILL DIDDY, Recreation Program Coordinator; SEAN CLAGGETT, Recreation Specialist; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; COMMANDER ROB SOFIE, Police Department.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION "Day of Concern for the Hungry" - 9/26/98

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the day of September 26, 1998, to be "Day of Concern for the Hungry" in Renton, and strongly urging all citizens to join with the Emergency Feeding Program to feed those who are hungry. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS Parks Special Olympics Participants

Bonnie Rerecich, Recreation Supervisor, and Jill Diddy, Recreation Program Coordinator, introduced the Special Olympics athletes who participated in the recent statewide events held at Fort Lewis. The athletes recited the Special Olympics oath: "Let me win; but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

King County Jury Promotion (Superior Court Judge McCullough)

The Honorable Judge LeRoy McCullough, Chair, King County Superior Court Jury Committee, addressed the Mayor, Council and the viewing audience on the importance of jury service and the need for citizens to fulfill their civic duty by serving as jurors when summoned. Judge McCullough explained that the jury system in King County is suffering from a decline in the number of people serving as jurors. Currently, only about 10% to 15% of those summoned for jury service respond. As a result, the burden of jury service is borne by a small percentage of King County residents; fewer citizens from minority communities are serving as jurors; and a small number of businesses and employers pay a greater share of

the indirect costs of jury service for employed persons who serve.

Continuing, Judge McCullough noted that King County has implemented several programs designed to encourage jury service. For example, the County now selects jurors from a pool of persons with driver's licenses and identification cards in addition to registered voters. Additionally, the two-week juror service term has been replaced with a "two-day/one trial" term. But despite these changes, citizen response to jury summons continues to decline.

Judge McCullough also emphasized the importance of having a diverse jury panel, noting that the right of a defendant to a jury trial includes the right to an unbiased, non-prejudiced jury of one's peers. Stating that the purpose of a jury is to provide the legal system with the voice of the common man and the collective judgment of the community as a means of ensuring both justice and trust, he concluded by urging Council to encourage citizens to serve as jurors when summoned.

Responding to Council President Edwards, Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington said the City continues to pay the salaries of its employees who are absent from work due to jury service.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler suggested that King County raise juror per diems from \$10 per day to \$25 per day, as allowed by State law. She noted that \$10 typically will not cover a day's parking expense for jurors called to serve in downtown Seattle. Judge McCullough agreed, adding, however, that King County paid over \$1 million in juror per diems in 1997.

Mrs. Keolker-Wheeler also suggested that the Court be allowed to advertise its speakers panel via Renton's government access channel, since community groups frequently seek speakers to address their memberships.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The first phase of the move to the new City Hall was accomplished over the weekend with the relocation of the Economic Development Department, the Planning/Building/Public Works Department, Fire Administration and Fire Prevention, and the Community Services Department. The second and final phase will happen in mid-July.
- * The Police Department has developed a new Crime Resistant Multi-Housing Program to help prevent illegal activity at rental properties.

AUDIENCE COMMENT Citizen Comment Loring - Proposed Conversion of Old City Hall to Residential Use

David Loring, 613-A S. 3rd St., Renton, 98055, suggested that the City consider converting the old City Hall site for use as multi-family residential housing. Saying this could be accomplished by either selling the property to a developer or by the City entering into some type of public/private partnership with the City retaining ownership and control, Mr. Loring noted the need for more high-density residential property in the downtown. He appreciated the City's efforts to revitalize the downtown and felt that progress was being made, but was concerned

about keeping the momentum going after the piazza and Dally Homes projects are finished.

Mayor Tanner replied that although the City supports -- and is working towards -- a greater residential density of the downtown, neither he nor a majority of the Council favors selling this building at this time. Instead, the City plans to install fire sprinklers, then lease the building to one or more tenants who can pursue any additional desired improvements. Mayor Tanner also did not believe that it would be worthwhile financially to convert the building's use to residential.

Councilman Clawson commented that in ten or fifteen years, the City might be amenable to considering Mr. Loring's proposal for this site.

**Citizen Comment Huxtable
- Cleanup on Sunset Blvd**

Tom Huxtable, 3176 NE Sunset Blvd., Renton, 98059, expressed appreciation for the cleanup work done on Sunset Boulevard in the Highlands over the last three or four months. He also commended the City for the look of the new City Hall and its signage. On a final subject, Mr. Huxtable hoped that RUSH shuttle service will be expanded to the Highlands area from the downtown.

Councilman Corman replied that the City is interested in expanding RUSH shuttle service to the Highlands, perhaps in the next year or two.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

**Appointment Municipal
Arts Commission**

Mayor Jesse Tanner appointed the following individuals to the Municipal Arts Commission to positions that are currently vacant: Nancy Hoben, 17434 - 128th Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, term to expire 12/31/2000; Eileen Cunio, 337 Stevens Ave. NW, Renton, 98055, and Rebecca Lloyd, 331 Smithers Ave. S., Renton, 98055, terms to expire 12/31/1999; and Diana Hagen, 14230 - 147th Pl. SE, Renton, 98059, term to expire 12/31/1998. Refer to Community Services Committee.

**CAG 98-073, Sale of
Gravel from the Cedar
River Flood Control
Project, City Transfer**

City Clerk reported bid opening on 6/05/98 for CAG-98-073, Sale of Gravel from the Cedar River Section 205 Flood Control project; two bids; project estimate \$621,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the high bidder, City Transfer, in the total amount of \$718,117.50 (funds to be paid to the City for the material). Council concur.

**Parks Recreation Director
Appointment**

Community Services Department recommended the appointment of Sylvia Allen to the position of Recreation Director, grade 37, step B, with a start date of 7/12/1998. Council concur.

**Plat Scott Glen, Final,
Hoquiam Ave NE/NE 9th
St (FP-98-071)**

Development Services Division recommended approval of the Scott Glen final plat, 12 single family lots on 1.97 acres located in the vicinity of Hoquiam Ave. NE and NE 9th Street (FP-98-071). Council concur. (See page 212 for resolution.)

Zoning CD Zone Changes re Ground Floor, Streetfront Uses	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department proposed an amendment to the Center Downtown (CD) zone to address Comprehensive Plan policy language which states that the primary pedestrian area of the downtown should have ground-floor, streetfront uses that cater to walk-in customer traffic. Refer to <u>Planning & Development Committee</u> .
Executive 1% for Arts Contract w/T. Ellen Sollod (Downtown Project)	Executive Department submitted a proposed contract in the amount of \$50,000 with T. Ellen Sollod for the design, construction and installation of artwork commissioned as a "1% for Art" project for downtown Renton in the vicinity of Logan Ave. S. and S. 3rd Street, as recommended by the Municipal Arts Commission. Refer to <u>Community Services Committee</u> .
Rezone Oakesdale Campus, SW 43rd/Oakesdale Ave SW, R-98-005	Hearing Examiner recommended rezoning the Oakesdale Campus site (14 acres on the northwest corner of SW 43rd St. and Oakesdale Ave. SW) from Medium Industrial (IM) to Commercial Arterial (CA), File No. R-98-005. Council concur. (See page 212 for ordinance.)
Legal State Law Crimes (Adoption by Reference)	Legal Department recommended approval of an ordinance adopting, by reference, the State law crimes of: dangerous weapons; possession of pistol by persons from 18 to 21 years of age; dangerous exhibitions; and weapons prohibited in certain places (court, jail, etc.). Refer to <u>Public Safety Committee</u> .
Solid Waste 1998 Business Recycling/Special Recycling Events, King County Funding, CAG-98-	Solid Waste Utility Division recommended accepting \$31,620 from King County for 1998 Business Recycling Program activities and a Special Recycling Event. Refer to <u>Utilities Committee</u> .
Solid Waste 1998 Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, King County Funding, CAG-98-	Solid Waste Utility Division recommended accepting \$28,080 from the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health for Local Hazardous Waste Management Program efforts (targeted waste collection and household hazardous waste education workshops). Refer to <u>Utilities Committee</u> .
Transportation Main Ave S Improvements, TIB Grant, CAG-98-	Transportation Systems Division recommended acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$1,809,977 from the Transportation Improvement Board for construction of the Main Ave. S. improvements. Renton's required local match is \$475,347. Council concur. (See page 212 for resolution.)

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.*

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler inquired how the transfer of gravel from the Cedar River to its temporary storage location at the Narco site will affect Renton Hill traffic where Renton Avenue intersects with Mill Ave., Houser Way and the Narco site access road. Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman replied that for two months, gravel-carrying

trucks will make fairly regular runs between the Cedar River and the Narco site. The gravel will then be removed by a private contractor after August 31st.

Responding to Councilman Schlitzer, Mr. Zimmerman agreed to find out how often truck runs are expected to be made to the Narco site.

***MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety Committee

Legal Drug Paraphernalia
Sales & Distribution

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending that Council concur with the City Attorney's recommendation to adopt Engrossed House Bill 2772 by reference, making it an infraction to deliver drug paraphernalia. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 212 for ordinance.)

Planning & Development Committee

Public Works
Feighner/Dochstuhl
Removal of Restrictive
Covenants on NE 4th St

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to authorize the removal of a restrictive covenant that was required in 1985 as a condition of the annexation and rezoning of certain properties located on the south side of NE 4th St., east of Union Ave. NE (Feighner/Dochstuhl). The covenant required a joint (common) access between the properties, to be established at the time of future development or redevelopment of the properties. The covenant unduly encumbers the subject properties, and therefore the Committee recommended allowing the applicants to proceed with removing the restrictive covenant from the land title. The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Administration to cooperate in the preparation of documents for removal of the restrictive covenants. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. MOTION CARRIED, WITH COUNCILMAN PARKER ABSTAINING DUE TO HIS PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE APPLICANTS.**

Legal A-Frame (Sandwich-
Board) Signs

As chair of the Planning & Development Committee, Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler reported that the committee is retaining the subject of A-frame signs for further deliberation. An ad hoc committee will be formed, to include interested business owners and others, to help resolve the various issues associated with this type of advertising.

Councilman Schlitzer suggested that the City make one of its video cameras available to this committee for the purpose of documenting the existence of signs other than A-frames, the legality of which are questionable.

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3331

Plat Scott Glen, Final,
Hoquaim Ave NE/NE 9th
St (FP-98-071)

A resolution was read approving the Scott Glen final plat; 12 single family lots on 1.97 acres in the vicinity of Hoquiam Ave. NE and NE 9th Street. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3332

Transportation Main Ave S
Improvements, TIB Grant,
CAG-98-

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board for urban arterial trust account funds for the Main Ave. S. project. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/22/98 for second and final reading:

Rezone Oakesdale
Campus, SW
43rd/Oakesdale Ave SW,
R-98-005

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 14 acres located at the northwest corner of SW 43rd St. and Oakesdale Ave. SW, south of Springbrook Creek, from Medium Industrial (IM) to Commercial Arterial (CA) (Oakesdale Campus, R-98-005). MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/22/98. CARRIED.

Legal Drug Paraphernalia
Sales & Distribution

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 12, Drug Paraphernalia, Sales or Use, of Title VI (Police Regulations) of City Code by adding a new section entitled "Drug Paraphernalia Infraction." MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/22/98. CARRIED.

Ordinance #4727

EDNSP Pavilion Building
Improvements

An ordinance was read providing for 1998 Budget amendments in the amount of \$200,000 for capital improvement projects (expenditures related to the downtown park area known as the Piazza). MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:45 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

